

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Carlos R. Plata-Salaman et al.
Serial No. :
Filed :
Title : CARABAMATE COMPOUNDS FOR USE IN THE TREATMENT OF
PAIN

Art Unit :
Examiner :

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 20, 21 and 27 as follows:

20. (Amended) The method as in claim 1 wherein pain is selected from pain that is centrally mediated, pain that is peripherally mediated, pain that is caused by structural tissue injury, pain that is caused by soft tissue injury or pain that is caused by progressive disease.
21. (Amended) The method as in claim 1 wherein pain is selected from acute pain or chronic pain.
27. (Amended) The method as in claim 1 wherein the therapeutically effective amount is from about 0.01 mg/Kg/dose to about 100 mg/Kg/dose.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Consideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

Claims 1-27 remain in this application. Claims 20, 21 and 27 have been amended.

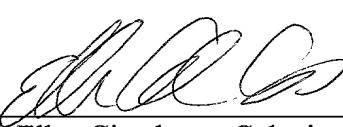
Early favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is/are captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

22. (Amended) The method as in claim[s] 1 [or 5] wherein pain is selected from pain that is centrally mediated, pain that is peripherally mediated, pain that is caused by structural tissue injury, pain that is caused by soft tissue injury or pain that is caused by progressive disease.
23. (Amended) The method as in claim[s] 1 [or 5] wherein pain is selected from acute pain or chronic pain.
28. (Amended) The method as in claim[s] 1 [or 5] wherein the therapeutically effective amount is from about 0.01 mg/Kg/dose to about 100 mg/Kg/dose.